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Hi Molly. Thanks for the update on the Santa Monica Bay NEP! We appreciate the work that you have done to improve the operations of the NEP.

I wish you much success in your new assignment and look forward to a continual partnership through TFW!

Best regards!

Bernice

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Bernice,

I wanted to share some news with you, but I believe you have already heard.... I have accepted a reassignment to R4 wetlands program starting 3/03!

Atlanta is home so we are excited to be close to family, but I am sad to be leaving my colleagues in R9 and the SMBNEP.

Sam and I have been working on a transition plan for my back fill on the project and I will be continuing to work with R9 together through this year's workplan approval and grant award.

Sam and I attended the Feb 16 Governing Board meeting and relayed the message to the management conference as well and say my goodbyes to staff. It also gave Sam the opportunity to spend time with Tom and various board members and observe the improvements to the MC meetings and a more engaged MC amid continued litigation which I believe Vince is providing you an update on, namely that the second lawsuit from Ballona Wetland Land Trust (BWLTT) will be heard in court August 31, 2017. Additionally, TBF and BLWT have had initial pre-litigation discussions last week and we are hoping to reach resolution without litigation.

Progress on BRP revision continues, specific attention right now is on identifying gaps and funding opportunities to implement the Comprehensive Monitoring Plan. We had a good turn out of Governing Board members to the Watershed Advisory Committee meeting and several have indicated interest in attending the next TAC meeting to discuss the CMP with a possible workshop planned to get the management conference more engaged in the CMP.

I feel confident that the program will continue to produce environmental results and is on the path to improve their MC structure during this time of revision and perhaps continue to improve stakeholder engagement.

I am always available to assist this program and answer questions. Please don't hesitate to call if you have any concerns.

It's been a pleasure working with you and your staff and I plan to stay connected with the NEPs in my new role as much as possible and through my continued work on TFW.

Best,

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